education, that will form the basis of National Action Plan for AIDS education in the school system. This policy would also be a part of National AIDS Prevention Programme and would be developed through a collaboration of Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health and Non-Governmental Organisations including teachers, parents and student organizations etc.

(c) National AIDS Control Organization, is activily collaborating with Ministry of Human Resource Development, N.C.E.R.T. and State Education Department to facilitate the incorporation of AIDS education components in the school curricula.

Under the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports, "University Talk AIDS Programme" has been launched to cover the student youth in the University and Colleges. This programme is being implemented through the National Service Scheme.

In addition, a training manual has been prepared to train the peer educators and University Talk AIDS Programmers in the colleges and +2, level.

(d) An amount of Rs. 152 55 lakhs has been kept earmarked during 1994-95 under University Talk AIDS Programme.

News regarding Thalassemia

1102. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL :
SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item published in the Hindustan Times dated the 4th February, 1994 captioned "India has 30 million thalassemia carriers" which is a genetically determined blood disorder that causes progressive anaemia among children;

(b) whether according to the World Health Organistion, out of 240 million people it is estimated that 30 million are in India and about 10,000 thalassemic children are born every year in India;

(c) if so, what preventive measures/remedial steps Government have taken so far and what treatment in this regard is ailable in this oun try; and

(d) what funds are likely to be allocated therefor during the year 1994-95 ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) World Health Organisation has estimated that 4% of India population is carrier of Beta Thalassemia a traiat that can lead to Thalassemia Major if both parents are carriers.

(c) The Indian Council of Medical Research has identified research in Thalassemia as one of the thrust areas. The Councils' Institute of Immunohaematology, Bombay, is offering second trimester prenatal diagnostic services to individuals at risk. The Indian Council of Medical Research has also sanctioned on 1-1-1994 an Advance Centres for Bone Marrow Transplanatation for thalassaemia patient at Christian Medical College, Vellore. The only treatment is repeated blood transfusion.

(d) No separate provision has been proposed during 1994-95.

Child survival and Development

1103. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Global Task Force for Child Survival and Development held meeting recently in New Delhi, if so, what are the details of discussions held and outcome thereof;

(b) whether according to James P. Grant; D.G. of UNICEF, over two million children in India die every year due to malnutrition and whether the number of under five infants in our country in three times more than that in China as reported in Hindustan Times dated the 9th February, 1994; and

(c) if so, what remedial steps Government have so far taken for better child care and funds allocated during 1994-95 as well as in the Eighth Plan period in this regard particularly in Rajasthan and Orissa States ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Maternal and New born Care, Reproductive health of adolescent and young people, Baby Friendly Hospital Approach ORT, Guinea Worm Eradication, Water